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SUBJECT: U.S.-VENEZUELAN TALKS

REF: A. CARACAS 11588; B. STATE 254499

- 1. DURING MY BRIEF CALL THIS AFTERNOON ON FONMIN SCHACHT HE HANDED ME A THIRD PERSON NOTE TRANSMITTING COPIES OF THE TEXT OF A LETTER DATED NOV 26 ADDRESSED TO SECRETARY KISSINGER, WHICH HE SAID HE THOUGHT AMBASSADOR BURELLI RIVAS HAD PLANNED TO DELIVER TODAY
- 2. AS DEPARTMENT WILL HAVE PERCEIVED, SCHACHT STATES IT IS NOT CONVENIENT FOR HIM TO COME TO WASHINGTON EVEN BY MID-DECEMBER BECAUSE OF HIS TRIP TO PERU WITH PRESIDENT PEREZ AND UPCOMING CONFERENCE OF CENTRAL AMERICAN PRESIDENTS CONVENED BY PEREZ IN CARACAS DECEMBER 13-14. NOTE GOES ON TO ADD THAT A LOGICAL MINISTER WHO MIGHT HAVE BEEN SENT TO WASHINGTON INSTEAD OF SCHACHT WOULD HAVE BEEN MINISTER OF STATE FOR INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC AFFAIRS PEREZ GUERRERO; BUT LATTER IS NOW FULLY ENGAGED AS ACTING MINISTER OF MINES AND HYDROCARBONS AND THEREFORE CANNOT BE SPARED FROM CARACAS. NOTE CONCLUDES WITH STATEMENT THAT IN VIEW OF THESE FACTS IT WOULD BE MORE CONVENIENT TO WAIT UNTIL JANUARY FOR A PERSONAL INTERVIEW BETWEEN THE SECRETARY AND SCHACHT. THERE WOULD IN ADDITION BE MORE TIME IN WHICH TO WORK OUT AN AGENDA. SCHACHT ADDED ORALLY THAT HE THOUGHT THE AGENDA SHOULD BE BRIEF BUT FULL OF SUBSTANCE. I AGREED. MCCLINTOCK CONFIDENTIAL

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